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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF SENATE DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SENATE DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE ON MARCH 15:

WHEREAS, AT HOME THE AMERICANS ARE PLAGUED WITH INFLATION, THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR DECLINES;

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT U.S. MILITARY BASE STRUCTURE AND DEPLOYMENT AROUND THE WORLD CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS DRAIN ON THE BUDGET AND BITE DEEPLY INTO TAX REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR ESSENTIAL NEEDS INSIDE THE UNITED STATES; UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEREAS, REDUCTIONS OF U. S. FORCES OVERSEAS AND THE CLOSING OF EXCESSIVE AND OBSOLETE MILITARY BASES ABROAD WOULD SAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND HELP, THEREBY, TO HALT INFLATION, STRENGTHEN THE DOLLAR AND PERMIT ADDITIONAL USEOF TAX REVENUES FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, SUCH REDUCTIONS ARE COMMENSURATE WITH THE NATION'S DEFENSE, FEASIBLE IN TERMS OF PRESENT MILITARY STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY, AND IN NO WAY CONTRADICTORY TO THE NATION'S FOREIGN POLICIES UNDER THE NIXON DOCTRINE;

THE MAJORITY POLICY COMMITTEE URGES:

- 1. THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDER, FORTHWITH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS REVISIONS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET WITH A VIEW TO MAKING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE PROMPT CLOSE-OUT OF INSTALLATIONS ABROAD WHICH ARE OBSOLESCENT OR EXCESSIVE TO THE CURRENT SECURITY NEEDS OF THE NATION;
- 2. THAT THE CONTINGENT OF U. S. TROOPS STATIONED OVERSEAS BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED, SUCH REDUCTIONS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN STAGES OVER THE NEXT ONE AND ONE- HALF YEARS.

THE MAJORITY LEADER IS DIRECTED TO BRING THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE THE MAJORITY CONFERENCE FOR CONSIDERATION. IF CONCURRED IN BY THE CONFERENCE, HE IS REQUESTED TO CONFER WITH THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AND WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS, FOREIGN RELATIONS AND ARMED SERVICES ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS RESOLUTION AND WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OR LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND TO REPORT TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30 ON THE RESULTS OF THESE CONFERENCES.

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